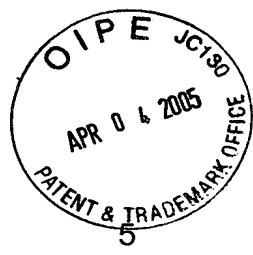


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
ELECTION OF CLAIMS

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TITLE: NETWORK, INTERPRETER FOR SUCH A NETWORK, AND  
METHOD FOR OPERATING A NETWORK

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

10 Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action on the above-identified case mailed March 22, 2005 requiring a restriction. The Examiner grouped the claims as follows:

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| Group I  | claims 1-8 and 16-20 | network and method for operating a network for the interconnection of computers having a client and a server; 709 (class), 217 (subclass) |
| Group II | claims 9-15          | interpreter for a network, 717 (class) 3 (subclass)   |

15 The Applicant provisionally elects the claims in Group I (claims 1-8 and 16-20), with traverse.

The Applicant asserts that a search of the respective classes and subclasses would not be unduly burdensome given the interrelationship between the claimed subject matter in the respective groups, and that art found in one class/subclass is  
20 likely to be related to art found in the class/subclass.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn from the application and that all claims be considered in the present prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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